

**College of Arts and Sciences**  
**Georgia State University**  
**RESEARCH INTENSIVE SEMESTER**

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The College of Arts and Sciences supports a vibrant research culture and promotes the national and international scholarly leadership of our senior faculty. To this end, and to increase the value of faculty members to the college and university, the college provides support to enable faculty members to advance major scholarly contributions. The Research Intensive Semester is designed to encourage tenured faculty members who exhibit scholarly excellence and a research trajectory that promises continued growth in stature.

Support will be awarded to faculty who propose a forward-looking research vision based on a strong record and trajectory, with specific objectives that are ambitious, realistic, and clearly defined. For associate professors, it is expected that proposals outline a path to promotion to full professor.

Each year, the following faculty are eligible to submit a proposal, to be implemented in the next academic year:

- Tenured associate professors in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year in rank.
- Tenured associate or full professors who have not received a college-supported workload adjustment (i.e. ASAP, PROF, or RISE) in the past 5 academic years.

The following criteria for selection will apply:

- Candidate's trajectory and potential for success
- Contribution of the proposed research to the research agenda of the candidate.
- Strategic relevance to the candidate's department, the college, and the university.
- Results of annual evaluations from the last 3 years
- Progress since the last structured post-tenure or promotion review

Selected proposals will be awarded subject to the availability of funds, and departmental instructional needs. In general, service duties will continue as needed by the department unless negotiated with the chair. Support may take the form of one semester of release from regular teaching duties, or up to \$6,000 in professional development funds.

#### **Submission Process**

To submit a proposal, please complete the [application form](#) and submit it along with a current CV to your Chair/Director for submission by the first day of the spring semester (or by the college's specified deadline, if different). The application form includes a space for the applicant to write a brief proposal (400 words or less) to state the work to be carried out, including specific objectives and milestones. The applicant's chair or director will be asked to review the proposal for approval, which is required for the proposal to be considered. The Dean's Office will supplement the application with copies of the applicant's last 3 annual reviews and the dean's assessment letter from the applicant's most recent promotion or post-tenure review.

Within 30 days of the end of the semester in which the RISE is taken, a 1-page report must be submitted to the department chair and Dean's Office summarizing progress made during the period of the award.